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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

Continuation of Application Serial No. 09/497,643

Application of Kazumasa KOKURA

A FORKLIFT HAVING A LIGHT SOURCE AND LENS COMBINATION

THAT PROVIDES A SHAPED LIGHT BEAM (as amended)

Assignee: NIPPON YUSOKI CO., LTD.

Our Ref: Q67788

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/497,643 (Confirmation No.7744, filed February 3, 2000, and allowed January 10, 2002) of KOKURA, Kazumasa entitled A FORKLIFT HAVING A LIGHT SOURCE AND LENS COMBINATION THAT PROVIDES A SHAPED LIGHT BEAM (as amended).

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 3 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2877.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

Priority is claimed from:

Country

Application No

Filing Date

Japan

P. Hei. 11-27025

February 4, 1999

The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 09/497,643.

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Total claims Independent claims

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TOTAL FILING FEE

\$740.00





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A check for the statutory fee of \$740.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE MION, PLLC Attorneys for Applicant

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